

1 CLAIMS:

2 We claim:

Sub A' 3 1. A hybrid camera system for effecting creation
4 and organization of an album of photographic prints,
5 comprising:

6 a camera housing;

7 image capture means for simultaneously
8 capturing at least one optical image onto a
9 photographic film and an electronic imager, each
10 disposed within said camera housing;

11 display means for displaying at least one
12 image captured by said image capture means; and

13 input means for selectively inputting album
14 related instructions relating to said at least one
15 image displayed by said display means, said
16 instructions relating to the orientation and formatting
17 of prints made upon processing said film in an album
18 like format.

1 2. The camera system as recited in Claim 1,
2 wherein said photographic film includes a transparent
3 magnetic layer having at least one magnetic track
4 capable of receiving digital information, said input
5 means including a magnetic head having means for
6 writing said album-related instructions onto said at
7 least one magnetic track.

1 3. The camera system as recited in Claim 1,
2 including a microprocessor having sufficient memory for
3 storing at least one electronic image captured by said
4 image capture means, and scroll means for selectively

5 displaying said at least one captured image retained in
6 memory by said microprocessor.

1 4. The camera system as recited in Claim 3,
2 wherein said microprocessor includes a plurality of
3 listed options pertaining to the orientation and
4 formatting of a displayed image in the album-like
5 format, said options being presented by said display
6 means, wherein said camera includes switching means for
7 selectively choosing and enabling said options.

1 5. The camera system as recited in Claim 1,
2 wherein said display means includes verification means
3 for displaying said album-related instructions as input
4 by said input means.

1 6. The camera system as recited in Claim 1,
2 wherein said display means includes at least one liquid
3 crystal display.

1 7. The camera system as recited in Claim 6,
2 wherein said display means includes a first and a
3 second electronic display wherein said first display
4 displays at least one captured image and said second
5 display displays text information relating to the
6 albuming of said image.

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1 8. A method for selectively capturing images in
2 an album-like format using a hybrid camera system
3 including a hybrid camera having display means for
4 displaying a captured image, comprising the steps of:

5 i) simultaneously capturing an image onto a
6 photographic film and electronic imager contained
7 within said camera, said photographic film having a
8 magnetic layer including at least one track sized for
9 receiving information thereon;

10 ii) displaying said captured image on said
11 display means; and

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3 iv) unloading said photographic film from
4 said camera; and

1 10. A method as recited in Claim 8, wherein said
2 selectively inputting step includes selectively adding
3 alphanumeric data to a selected displayed image to be
4 arranged in an album-like format; and said processing
5 steps includes printing said textual information
6 relating to said image in the album format.